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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration) 29 January 1953
SUBJECT: Political Refugees in CIA

25X1A 1. Mr. Adams of the White House Staff called Mr. Dulles to say that Senator Carlson had reported that he had word that CIA had become a repository for political refugees from the previous regime. Mr. Dulles inquired of Mr. [redacted] and myself as to whether there was any truth in this. We stated we felt we would have been aware if any person had tried to exert political pressure on the Agency and that we knew of none; also, that we knew of no unusual increase in transfer of persons from other Departments who, in any case, were taken solely on merit.

2. Mr. Dulles reported this to Senator Carlson and said if the Senator could give us any indication of acceptance of political refugees for political reasons, we would trace it most carefully and at once.

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